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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6939
BILL NUMBER: SB 322

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 16, 2015
BILL AMENDED: Feb 16, 2015

SUBJECT: Fresh Food Initiative.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Head
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

STATE IMPACT	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		15,000,000	
Net Increase (Decrease)		(15,000,000)	

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill has the following provisions:

- (1) Establishes the Food Desert Grant Program within the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) to assist new and existing retail businesses in offering fresh and unprocessed foods within a "food desert" (an underserved geographic area where affordable fresh and healthy foods are difficult to obtain, as determined by the ISDH).
- (2) Provides that a grant awarded under the program may be used to construct a new retail grocery store or to renovate, expand, or upgrade an existing retail business that increases the availability and quality of fresh produce and other healthy foods.
- (3) Requires the ISDH to consider certain criteria when determining whether to award a grant and requires the recipient of a grant to abide by certain terms and conditions.
- (4) Establishes the Food Deserts Fund for purposes of awarding grants under the program.
- (5) Appropriates \$15,000,000 from the General Fund to the Food Deserts Fund for purposes of the program.
- (6) Requires the ISDH to report on the program annually to the General Assembly.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill will increase the workload of the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) to administer the Food Desert Grant Program. Increases in workload, including any additional staff that may be necessary, are expected to come from the \$15 M appropriation made in FY 2016.

The nonreverting Food Deserts Fund is established for the purpose of awarding grants to the Food Desert Program. The fund is to be administered by the ISDH.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: ISDH.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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